



Santa Clara Valley Science and Engineering Fair Association

P.O. Box 307, Los Altos, California 94023-0307

www.science-fair.org

Celebrating Consecutive Regional Science Fairs Since 1960
Affiliated with the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair

November 15, 2013

To those interested in supporting science and math in middle schools and high schools
(STEM involvement)

We hope you will support our 2014 Championship with a donation. In 2014 we will be celebrating our **54th Anniversary** of consecutive science fairs for all students in Santa Clara County. We hope to make this a very special year for the students, teachers and for our donors. The Championship will again be held at the San Jose Convention Center - South Hall, on March 11-12, 2014. We fill this hall each year!

Because of the economy it will be a real challenge for us to support our efforts for 2014. Science and engineering education is critical to provide the USA a strong base of talented people to enter the work force in the coming years. Our budget for 2014 is \$165K and includes expenses for 9 sponsored projects (12 students and 5 chaperones) to the Intel ISEF in Los Angeles, CA, and expenses for 13 sponsored students and 3 chaperones to the CSSF in Los Angeles, CA. We are hoping to be able to sponsor 3 additional students at the CSSF and 1 more at ISEF.

In 2013 we had 1026 students participate at the San Jose Convention Center with 480 technical judges making awards to more than half of the participants. These awards were presented at the Awards Ceremony in April at California's Great America, which is an in-kind sponsor that allows free access to students and parents to enjoy their facility the day of the awards ceremony. Synopsys Outreach Foundation is our major financial sponsor.

We sent 10 students to the Intel ISEF held in Phoenix, AZ, for 2013. Our students performed well, winning 8 of the 31 Grand Awards, including Eesha Khare who won the Intel Young Scientist Awards of \$50,000. We had 85 students participate at the CSSF and 52% of these students won awards. One of our students won the High School Project of the Year. We also had 1 project win a gold medal and another a silver award in the new I-SWEEEP competition in Houston, TX.

Our students' projects are improving each year with teachers being supportive in assuring projects comply with the Intel ISEF scientific requirements. Your help is truly appreciated. We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, TID 94-6122043. Checks can be made out to SCVSEFA and mailed to the address above. We also have PayPal access on our web site, if that is more convenient.

Sincerely,

Patricia L. Castro
Treasurer